

Mini-semester may save SS benefits...

By SUE DEMATTEO

TJC has devised a solution for high school students facing loss of Social Security benefits for college. A six-week mini-semester will begin March 29, said Dr. Edwin E. Fowler, Vice-President for Student Services. See 'Congress alters...'

The May 1 deadline to be enrolled as a full-time college student, Fowler said, is troublesome. High school students will not yet have graduated and will be unable to enroll full-time in college, thus becoming ineligible for SS benefits.

"If they had said Sept. 1," he said, "in my opinion, it would have been more realistic."

"I checked with the Social Security Office and told them what I wanted to do," he said, "and they were very helpful, very cooperative. So I talked to Admissions Dean Kenneth Lewis and we came up with the idea of the mini-semester. It's legal, it's legitimate and it's a sound practice."

The mini-semester is based loosely on summer semesters. The term will last six weeks, with classes meeting two hours a night, Monday through Thursday. Because it is a short term, Fowler said, a class load of six hours, rather than the usual 12, will constitute a full load.

High school seniors who meet early admissions requirements are eligible for mini-semester enrollment, Fowler said.

Seniors must have written approval for enrollment from parents and high school principal or counselor.

Mini-semester registration will be

March 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. in J116, and classes will begin that day, Fowler said. Finals will be May 6. Any course for which 15 or more students enroll will be offered.

Though Fowler said the mini-semester was not set up just to insure that students will be able to receive their benefits, the short term does help.

With the mini-semester, Fowler said, it is possible for students to "take two courses and meet the May 1 deadline without throwing everything into an upheaval."

Early admissions students who wish to enroll in the mini-semester, however, must choose between the two programs, Fowler said. High school seniors will not be allowed to take both early admissions classes and mini-semester classes. Fowler, in agreement with Tyler Independent School District officials, said that would be too much for one student when coupled with high school classes.

The mini-semester has stirred quite a bit of interest among high school students, parents and faculty as an alternative to less desirable choices, Fowler said.

"A lot of young people," he said, "and I hate this, had planned on dropping high school, taking the GED and going on to college. That's not right; that's not fair. We had to find an alternative to that."

Other colleges, Fowler said, have adopted the mini-semester. "I'm hearing from more and more colleges that have put in the mini-semester. We think that's probably the best way to handle it."

...Congress alters law

By SUE DE MATTEO

Last August, Congress amended the Social Security laws, rewriting the student benefits clause, said Bob Kennedy, Operations Supervisor for the Social Security District Office.

Congress "made the changes effective in August, 1982," Kennedy said. "They gave SS one year to phase out the program."

"However," he added, "they provided a saving clause for students already on SS rolls so they wouldn't have the rug pulled out from under them."

Kennedy said SS is having to "categorize students and student applicants into two groups—those who are protected under the new law and those who are not, called, respectively, phase-out and non-phase-out students."

"A phase-out student," Kennedy explained, "must meet two requirements. He must have been entitled to SS child benefits in August, '81, and attend a

post-secondary school full time for any month prior to May 1, 1982. Anyone who does not meet these requirements is a non-phase-out student."

What this means, Kennedy said, is that phase-out students will still be entitled to receive student benefits after August, 1982, but non-phase-out students will be cut off, as will students over age 19.

Should the 19th birthday fall during the semester, the student will be allowed to finish that semester using student benefits.

For phase-out students, though, other changes will be made in their benefits. According to old laws, Kennedy said, a student could go to college full time up to age 22 and still draw a check. That will still hold true, but that check will go through some "funny" changes.

"First, we're going to suspend payments during May, June, July and August every year," Kennedy said. "Students will

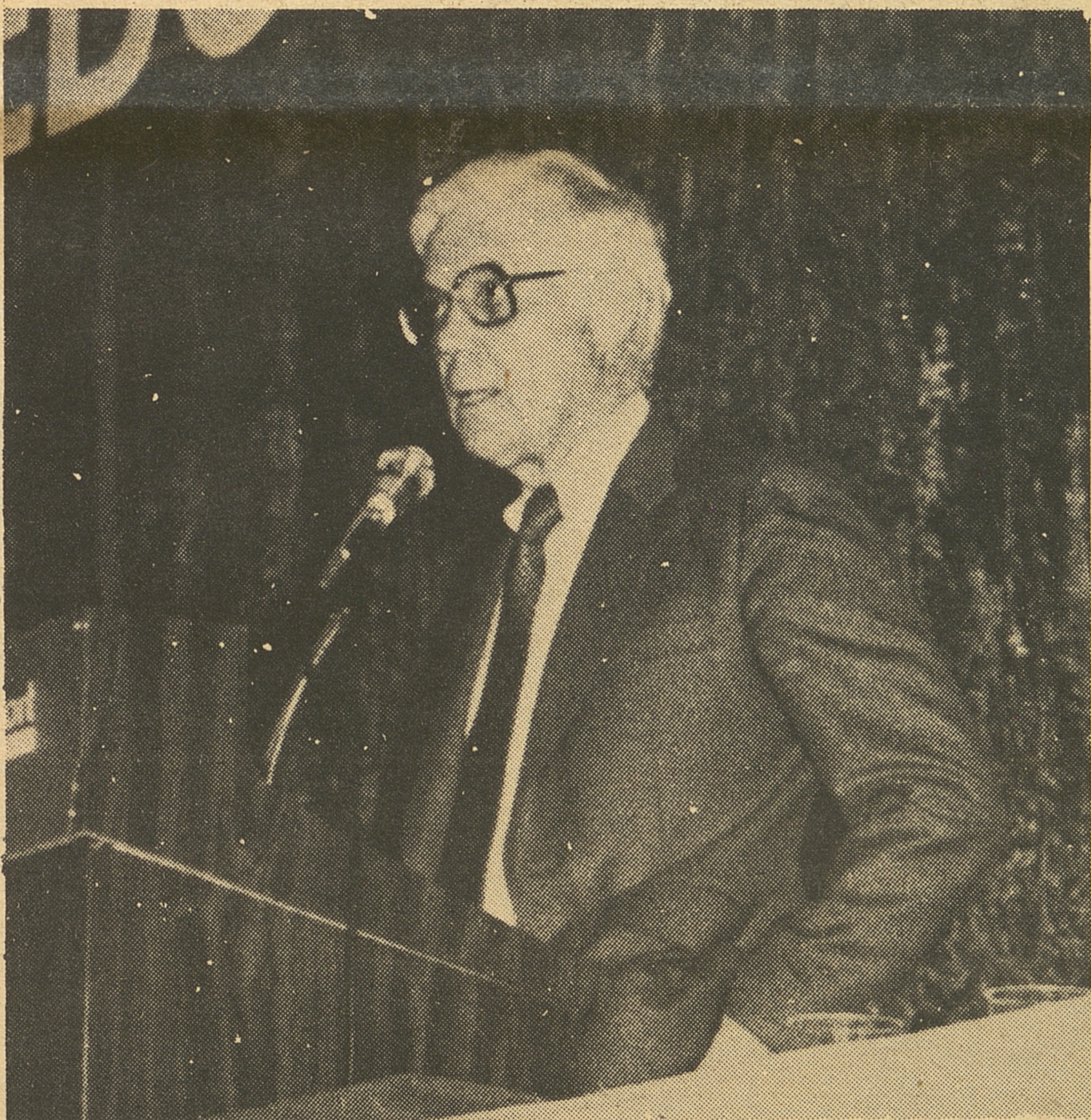
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Politics to Parties

Seventy TJC faculty were among 3100 attending the 35th convention of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association last week at the Am-Fac Hotel at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. They listened to speakers ranging from student leaders to former presidential contender John B. Anderson, voted for new leaders, considered subjects from agriculture to welding technology and attended parties hosted by publishers, candidates and other groups.

Grace period ends Sunday

Sunday is the last chance for males over 18 to register for a possible draft.

Since 1980, the Selective Service Act has required males born by 1960 or later to register.

The Act maintains that males register 30 days before or after their 18th birthday.

An estimated 800,000 eligible young men have not registered, according to a UPI report, though

Attorney General William Smith said the Feb. 28 deadline will be the final day of a grace period offered for 18-year-olds.

Applicants should realize that registration does not mean they will necessarily be drafted. It is a precautionary measure only to be used in time of crises.

Failure to register is a felony punishable by up to five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

\$20,000 available

Scholarship filing deadline nears

March 15 is the deadline to apply for 1982 fall semester TJC scholarships, said Jerry Leard, Dean of Arts and Sciences. Scholarship applications can be picked up and returned to the counseling center and his office, both in Jenkins Hall, he said.

More than \$20,000 in scholarships is available for TJC students, said Leard. A list of scholarships is in the college Catalog.

Leard said students do not have to have a particular scholarship in mind when applying. A scholarship committee would match applicant to scholarship after all applications are in.

Although some scholarships are designated for specific courses or ethnic background, Leard said many scholarships are college-wide.

The chief determining factor in awarding scholarships, he said, is need and scholastic ability.

"Every penny of scholarships is used," said Leard.

The dean said scholarships are not given in the form of cash but are transferred directly to the Business Office to be applied to tuition.

"Sometimes students who have been given scholarships don't show up. These scholarships are then awarded the week after registration," he said.

Leard suggested students should return to the counseling center at that time to inquire about available scholarships.

"Finance is no excuse for not coming to TJC. Most scholarships are from \$50 to \$1000, with the average running about \$100. For

in district students, this is usually enough to cover a year of tuition," said Leard.

Leard said scholarships are sponsored by local business groups, civic organizations and private citizens.

"Many times students who were helped by scholarships later sponsor scholarships themselves," he said.

Scholarship assistance often

makes the difference in some students attending college or not, Leard said. Students receiving scholarships are encouraged to write a letter of appreciation to the sponsor.

"Too many times students accept the scholarship, say thanks and that's all. The sponsor never knows who the scholarship went to," he said.

News Briefs

Graduates must register

Students planning to graduate in May must file an application in the Registrar's office, Jenkins Hall, by March 15 and pay a \$10 graduation fee at that time, said Registrar Kenneth Lewis.

"Students who completed this form during registration," Lewis said, "will not be required to refile. But all candidates must pay the \$10 fee to graduate."

Diplomas are awarded only once a year. All students receive diplomas in May, regardless of when a student completes his course work.

'Menagerie' opens tonight

The Speech and Drama department's production of "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams opens tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Jean Browne Theater, Wise Cultural Arts Center. The play will continue with performances each evening through March 2, except Sunday when a 2 p.m. matinee is scheduled. Tickets are \$1 for TJC students with ID cards, \$3 adults, \$2 students and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Jumpathon set for March 3

Students can benefit the local Heart Association by joining the jump rope for heart at 5:30 p.m., March 3 at Gentry Gym. They may sign up now by contacting PE instructor Audrey Woods at Gentry Gym. Prizes will be awarded to all participants turning in pledges.

Trustees file for re-election

Only the three incumbents whose terms expire have filed for the TJC Board of Trustees election. They are Board President Eugene M. Allen, Jack W. Flock, and James Fair. Filing deadline for the April 3 election is Wednesday, March 3.

Working students discuss combining college, jobs

By KARLA PRIDDY

A college student is stereotyped as a down-to-earth, care-free, clad in blue jeans, a polo shirt and tennis shoes, who goes to school activities, parties and has lots of time for fun and going places.

Students, as anyone else, vary in shape and size, wits, personalities, likes, dislikes and goals. They do not fit the stereotype.

Students who work while in college do so for many reasons. These include spending money, car payments, bills, gas for a car, rent and to get experience in their major.

Sophomore music major Cathy Kinsella, employed at Montgomery Wards, has been working for almost a year because she needed extra money for college. She works approximately 28 hours a week and likes the people she works with and the hours.

Accounting major Debbie Dusek is employed at the registrar's office. She needed the job for spending money. "I type, file and keypunch on computers at my job," she said. "It is good job training and it is easy to go to school and work, too."

Students may or may not be employed at a job within their major. To some, working is a necessary part of college.

Sophomore students Robert Borjes and Edwin Stockinger are employed by local pizza parlors. Both work between 35 to 45 hours per week for the same reasons—to cover car payments, bills and spending money. Borjes is a secondary education major and Stockinger is a music education major.

East Texas Savings and Loan employee Kelli Gibson applied to be a mail clerk because it is good experience and provides income for her to go to college. "It is not in my major," the computer science student said, "but promotion at this job would allow me to work within my major. I like the thought of advancement into my major."

Freshman business major Greg Bixler, employed at United Telephone of Texas, applied to get experience in his major and to save money for college. "I work in the treasury department administrative services," he explained. "I enjoy microfilming documents and working in the print shop."

Students perform a juggling act when they go to school, have a job, join campus groups and try to do homework.

Freshman Becca Hargis is an example. She works 20-25 hours a week at J.C. Penney's, where she is department supervisor, takes 21 hours of classes at TJC, is a

member of Tau Beta Sigma and the Apache Band and still has enough time for her homework.

Freshman Diane Robertson works to earn car payments and college expenses. Hargis and Robertson are both in Apache Band and the band sorority, but Robertson said she does not have enough time for homework.

Gibson agreed that she has "to make time for homework."

Non-working students seem to have more time for homework and participation in campus activities.

Business major Leslie Newton, is in the Apache Band, Apache Lab Band, Kappa Kappa Psi and Pi Kappa Alpha. A full-time student she does not have a job but has plenty of time for homework.

Sophomore Lisa Kay Thompson, who commutes from Hawkins, does not have a job because she is "going to school" and

needs more time for homework. Thompson worked as a lifeguard during the summer.

Petroleum technology freshman Deborah Rawlins does not work because she is taking "20 hours and a job would interfere with my studies." She is active in intramural sports and Band.

Many times whether the student lives in a dorm, apartment or at home influences whether he works. If mom and dad don't help with the funds, it is up to the student to foot the bills.

Scholarships help students a lot. Usually a student's costs for food, clothes, books, dates, gasoline for automobiles and tapes exceed their tuition fees.

TJC has the state's lowest tuition for a junior college. Students can expect a sharp increase in tuition as well as room and board and meals almost anywhere they transfer.

Marriage conveys positive effects on college studies, survey shows

By TAMMY THOMPSON

A survey of married students indicates that marriage has had a positive effect on their studies. Forty-five percent of TJC students are married.

Patrick Phillips, student at both TJC and the University of Texas at Tyler, said, "I went to college before I got married. Since being married my grades have improved greatly. I have much more time to study and studying is much easier now."

"I feel responsible for my family's future and obligated to get a college education so I can provide a good sound future for my wife and my first child who will be here in June," Phillips said.

Bill Hayes, also a student at both colleges, replied, "My wife also goes to college, but I don't feel like we have to compete with each other for grades. She does her thing and I do mine."

"My grades have improved since I got married because there is less time to goof off and more time to study. I also feel more responsible now, not only for myself, but for my wife and our future children," Hayes added.

Freshman Paige Kirkland commented, "I have plenty of time to study, but by the time I've finished cooking and cleaning, I'm usually too tired to study.

Being married has made me more responsible—I don't oversleep. A big advantage is having my husband to help me with my homework."

Sophomore Sandra Slaton said, "I have children and all of them are in school. Last year I had one child at home and I worked in a daycare center so my child could be taken care of. I used the money I earned to pay my tuition for night school."

"Finding time to study can really be a problem. I usually wait until the children are in bed, or I study between my classes," Slaton said.

Peggy Wallace, another attending both TJC and UTT, said, "My husband also goes to college, and sometimes we try to outdo each

'Richie' '73 book relates modern message

By ANGIE PATTERSON

As young people begin to experiment with drugs, they probably never realize they can destroy not only their own lives, but also their families if the use becomes habitual.

This is the theme of *Richie*, the emotionally shattering true story of a middle-class American family, written by Thomas Thompson. Though published in 1973, the book, a startling account of the drug abuse crisis that is still strongly present today, remains relevant.

Richie Diener, eldest son of George and Carol Diener, spent his younger years in a storybook village on Long Island. Along with his younger brother, Russell, he was surrounded by a loving environment and all the necessities and attention most children

receive. Everything seemed normal.

But when Richie became 14, he experimented with marijuana. Within two years, he graduated to harder drugs—barbituates, LSD, heroin. At first, his parents ignored the deteriorating situation. They believed their son's altered behavior and apathy were just a passing phase.

Even when the problem was discovered, Richie's father sought to play detective, spying on his son, instead of seeking help to cure the problem. As Thompson clearly indicates, the Dieners seemed to try to wish the problem away.

It never went away. One February day in 1972, when Richie and his father had one of their now regular violent confrontations, Diener shot his 17-year-old son—not to injure the heavily drugged youth but to kill him. Richie had grabbed a steak knife and threatened his father, who stood several feet away.

A unanimous grand jury decision set Diener free. But it was not altogether popular. One family court judge commented, "As far as I'm concerned, it was a deliberate act. He murdered his kid."

Although the ending is tragic, Thompson's message is clear. Diener was forced to defend himself against his first-born son because he never really tried to get help for him until the boy was literally out of control.

Richie's mother blamed her child's drug use on insecurity which Richie unknowingly admitted to in a conversation with a friend about an LSD trip.

"It was like...it was like the room was shrinking and I was all alone and nobody would listen to me. I kept crying and nobody would do anything," he told his friend.

The ethical question of the just or unjust decision of George Diener to kill his son will probably never be answered. Diener said he was certain that drugs had turned his son mad.

"If there was any way in the world around what I did, I would have taken it," he told a police detective after he shot Richie.

But drug use has been around since before Richie Diener smoked his first marijuana joint in 1969. His friends believed strongly that he had been unjustly robbed of his life and felt other measures could have been taken.

As one friend put it, "How can a father kill something he's raised since he was an infant? It's like a puppy. You raise a dog up to five or six and if he goes crazy, you take him to a doctor."

The book is vivid, shocking and definitely an attention-getter. The author tries to keep a middle-of-the-road position. He seems to feel deep sympathy for the disturbed parents, who cannot understand why this crisis has occurred in their home. At the same time, he shows sorrow for the troubled youth who become dependent on drugs to survive.

Richie is easily readable, well-written and would touch young or old. It should be of special interest to those who have a drug problem, those who are considering experimenting with drugs and parents of teenagers. It is a horror story that is unforgettable. Unfortunately, it is also true.

Video games become hot items; create world of make-believe

By DANNY McDOW

"Video games have gotten to be one of the biggest money-makers in our society," says Mike Newburn of Bob's Music, a local distributor of video games.

Bob's Music alone distributes these games to more than 30 locations in Tyler. In these days of high unemployment, high inflation and poor economy, the arcade business is also at an all-time high.

"One of the reasons for this success," Newburn said, "is that some people play these games to forget their problems." A person simply puts his quarter in the slot, and he is off into a world of fantasy and make-believe.

More than 40 video games are available. Some are the type one places money in to play. Others attach to a television set.

The pay games are the money-makers, costing the proprietors of arcades only space and electricity in exchange for half the money customers pay to play.

The largest arcade in Tyler is the Red Barron at Broadway Square Mall, which houses nearly 50 games.

"The most popular game in the nation," Newburn said, "is 'PACMAN.'" In this game, one guides a large yellow dot with a mouth, "PACMAN," through a maze containing several smaller dots. The object is to eat those dots without being caught by four chasers, which happen to be at the "right" place at the "wrong" time.

These games are simply programmed computers. Programmed hardware of "chips" tells what to show on the TV screen. They are solid state. Some persons have devised systems to playing these games longer, to score higher, but to date, there is no way to outfox the computers.

"Everyone who plays will eventually lose," Newburn said, "and when he does, he'll spend another quarter."

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7:30 p.m.—Men's B-ball, Navarro at Corsicana
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8 a.m.-4 p.m.—Pick up petitions for Student Senate and Sophomore Class Officers, Student Activity office
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Tuesday, March 2

6 p.m.—Dinner/Dev., Tri-C
Last day for intramural track entries

Wednesday, March 3

Noon—Agape Luncheon, BSU
5:30 p.m.—Jump Rope for Heart, Gentry Gym

Thursday, March 4

11:30 a.m.—Hot Soup and Bread, Tri-C

Navarro ends Apache hopes

Navarro College ended the Apaches' North Zone Tournament hopes Feb. 15 with a 76-69 victory. The game was a make-up of an earlier contest postponed because of icy roads.

The loss moved the Apaches record to 10-16, 4-9 in Texas Eastern Conference play.

The two teams battled back and forth the entire game. The first half was nip and tuck as the Bulldogs claimed a 35-33 lead at intermission.

Navarro's biggest first half lead, 4-0, came at the 18:03 mark. From that point on the contest was a see-saw affair.

TJC took their first lead, 27-26, on an inside power move from Oscar Woods. The lead grew to 33-30 on a pair of Don Mickens free throws with 2:05 left in the half.

But the Bulldogs came storming back, reeling off five unanswered points in the final minute for a 35-33 lead at the half.

Navarro built leads of as much as six points, 51-45, early in the second half only to have the Tribe come fighting back to close the gap to 57-56.

The Apaches stayed close for several more trips down the floor, 60-59, but the Bulldogs got a three-point play and a free throw for a 64-59 lead at the 4:02 mark. The Tribe never got closer.

Navarro sent six straight freebies through the nylons down the stretch to seal the win, 76-69.

Sophomore Howard Jenkins led the Tribe with a game high 19 points, while teammate Michael Kennedy chipped in 15.

Wins extend season record

The Apache Ladies could do nothing wrong as they defeated three opponents in three outings between Feb. 12 and Feb. 17.

The first victory came easily 64-50 in a non-conference game Feb. 12 against Odessa College in Wagstaff Gym. The Ladies seemed cold the first 10 minutes, but Scotti Wood gave the girls their first lead on a 20-foot shot.

TJC then kept the lead throughout the game with excellent shooting by Lesa Wilson and outstanding passing by Lee Ann Riley.

Leading the scoring drive was Wilson with 19 and Wood adding her usual quota with 14.

In the second outing Feb. 15, the Ladies stunned Navarro in Corsicana. The Bulldogs proved no threat to TJC as the girls muscled their way to an 84-58 final outcome.

Kara Audrey helped put the damper on Navarro's hopes with a tremendous blocked shot with 17:30 left in the first half. Phillipa Brown came off the bench to show some expert defense and by half-time, TJC had a commanding 47-29 lead.

The Ladies proved just as hot in the second half as Laurie Rescano surprised the Bulldog defense with an outstanding drive and lay up with 11:40 left in the game. Brown also had a tremendous second half with a dazzling passing and shooting show.

To make things worse, a technical foul was called on the Bulldog bench and Wood had no problem sinking the free bucket.

Three Ladies placed in double figures with Wood leading the way with 19. Wilson added 14 and

Brown followed closely with 12.

The third victory Feb. 17 at home was possibly the most important considering Paris will be included in the conference tournament along with TJC. Undaunted, the Ladies handled PJC with ease 79-58.

Teresa Fuxa entertained the Dragons by scoring 8 of the first 12 Apache points while Wilson and Teri Mayfield dominated the boards, grabbing 13 rebounds together in the first half alone.

Outstanding play and a great job from the bench showed that the Ladies are ready for the conference tournament.

Fuxa ended the game with 24 while Lisa Wilkerson came hot off the bench to score 12. Wood pleased the home crowd with 11 and Mayfield also showed outstanding defense with 11 rebounds.

The three victories increase TJC's record to 10-1 in conference play and 23-4 overall.

Tribe slays Dragons

Michael Kennedy and Howard Jenkins combined for 51 points Feb. 17 to lead the Apaches past Paris Junior College 73-61.

Kennedy powered his way over the Dragons for a career high 26 points, while Jenkins continued to shine, knocking home 25 points.

The two squads battled bucket for bucket in the opening 20 minutes. Led by Jenkins' 13 points, the Tribe took a 31-29 lead at half.

The Apaches opened up leads of 3 to 10 points early in the half. Aided by a nine point spree, TJC raced to their biggest lead of the period, 25-14 at the 7:13 mark.

The Dragons breathed fire and

smoke the remainder of the half, outscoring the Tribe 9-2 in the closing minutes to cut the lead to 31-29.

Paris knotted the contest two minutes deep into the second half, 37-37. Kennedy, who scored 16 points in the final chapter, came back with a slam dunk and a three-point play to move the Apaches back on top for good, 43-37.

The Dragons managed to get back to within five, 56-51, midway through the second half, but Jenkins, Kennedy and Don Mickens got the hot-hand and led the Apaches to a 73-61 Dragon slaying.

Rodeo Club to enter competition

The Rodeo Club will compete at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos this weekend in intercollegiate rodeo competition.

The Club has not been overly successful in the first three rodeos this year, but, sponsor Kenneth Lewis says, "we are looking ahead. Some of our members have been successful in individual competition at various rodeos, but as a team we have not."

Rodeos are like mini-tournaments in which the top 10 competitors from each area ride to determine a winner, Lewis said. Many events are offered but so far "TJC students have only entered calf roping, team roping, break-away roping and barrel racing," said Rodeo Club President Joey Reaves.

Unlike other intercollegiate sports, such as basketball and football, TJC does not pay Rodeo Club expenses.

And "being a Rodeo Club member can be very expensive,"

said Club member Brian Davis. "You have to pay for your trailer, buy feed for your horse, pay entry fee to participate, and gas is expensive too."

The estimated cost of one weekend on the rodeo circuit is about \$300, said Lewis. Prize money is awarded to first place finishers but "when you're competing against 75 other students in each event, a first place finish is hard to obtain," he said.

With 400 college students competing in rodeo, competition can be very tough. With seven rodeos remaining, things should improve for Tyler's club, Lewis said.

Not all aspects of rodeo competition are so rugged. Many club members have been in rodeo since high school and they enjoy it.

"Last year TJC's Jan Woolery was voted National Rodeo Association Queen at the rodeo championships in Bosman, Montana," Reaves said.

The circuit in which the Club competes is part of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. In that Association, TJC students compete with others from southwestern Texas and western Louisiana.

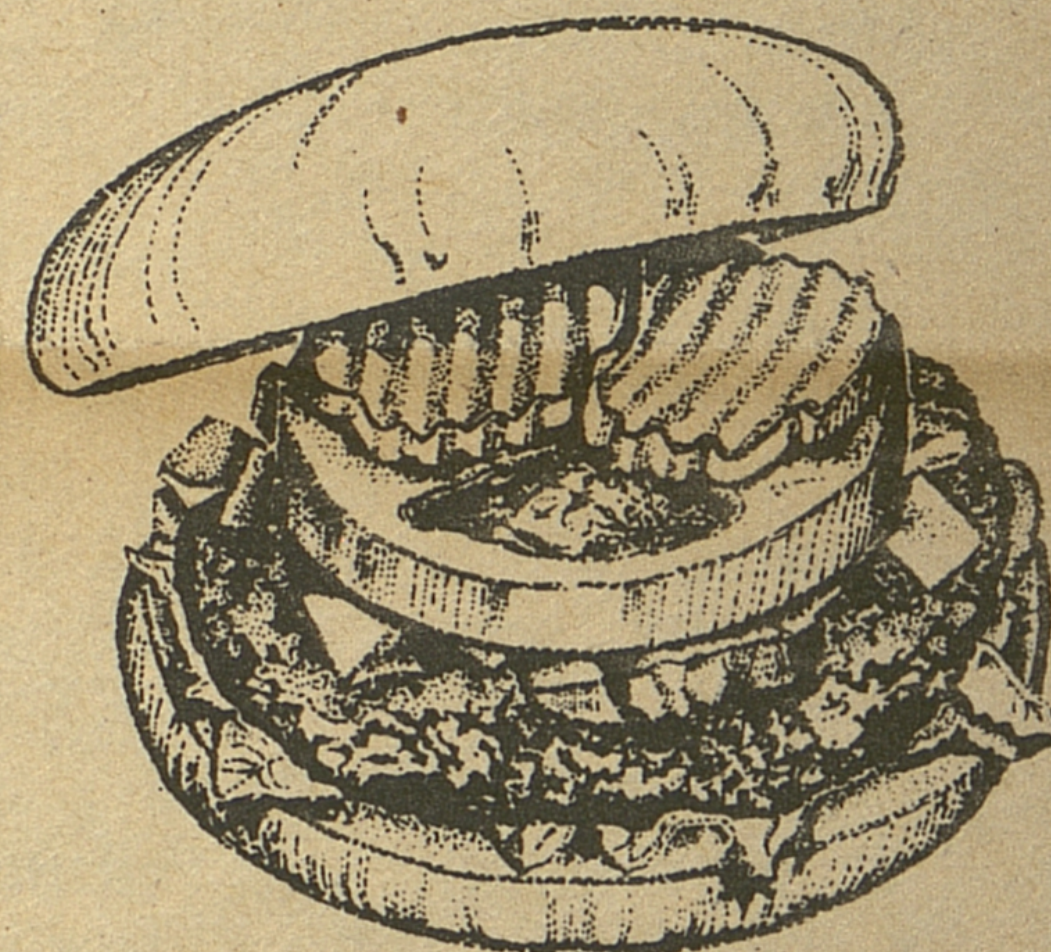
"TJC has been competing in the Association for eight years," said Lewis. Any students meeting academic requirements may participate.

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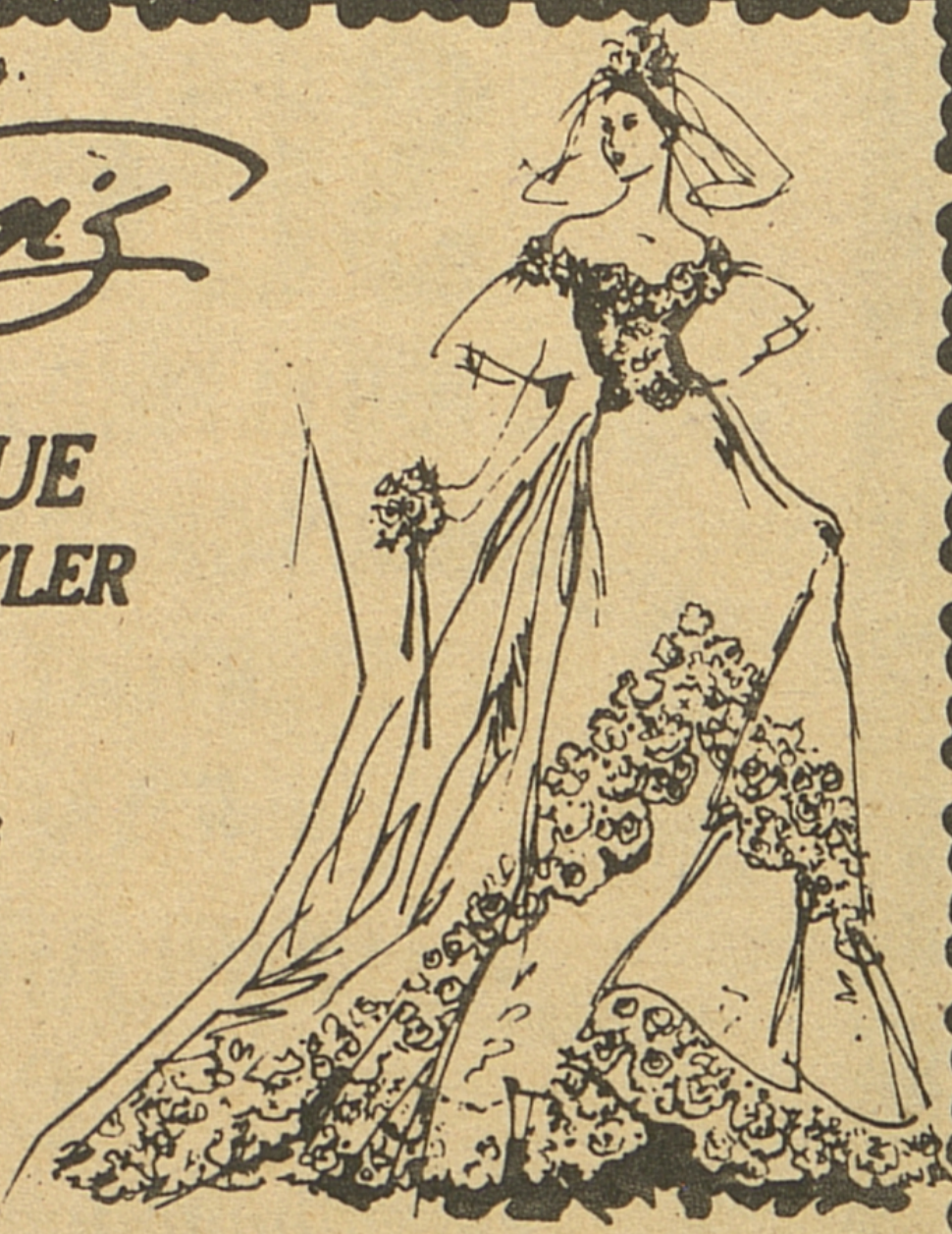
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During probation

Counseling aids students

A student placed on academic probation should be encouraged to raise his average, said Dean of Arts and Sciences Jerry Leard. Leard also explained that academic probation can be removed and the student reinstated into the normal flow of classes.

"To be placed on probation, a student's grade point average would have to fall below 1.0 on all completed courses," said Dean of Admissions Kenneth Lewis. If this does occur, counselors and administrative personnel are ready to help the individual raise his average to a satisfactory level.

Lewis explained that

courses are planned to help students in difficult areas and to allow them to successfully complete college level work.

Students failing to achieve a 1.0 grade point average at the end of the first college semester are placed on probation and will be counseled to improve grades. Students still on scholastic probation at the close of the second semester are again counseled concerning classes available to help them improve grade point averages.

Students still on academic probation at the end of the third semester will be academically suspended from TJC

for one semester, Lewis said.

These students can be readmitted only after successfully completing 12 college hours the following summer.

Once an academic probation has been removed and a student has returned to regular classes, the probation is no longer on the student's record.

"An academic probation is like an overdraft on your bank statement," Lewis said. "It is a warning to students that they have more college hours than grade points." "Once a student has regained a 1.0 grade point average, his academic probation is removed and his bank statement is balanced."

EDP promotes fun, education

Epsilon Delta Phi is a national organization for computer science students who wish to further their learning experience with computers. EDP sponsor Barbara Rogers said the organization is not a fraternity or a sorority. "It is organized for fun while giving students more education," she

said.

EDP's main activity is fund raising to finance trips to many different computer organizations.

Last year the club visited Electronic Data Systems in Dallas. The tour was planned to answer questions raised in class about computers. Computer

science majors heard a first-hand account of the latest breakthroughs in computers, said Rogers.

The Club hopes to visit the Shell Oil Corporation in Houston and also tour NASA, but nothing is final yet.

"We have bake sales, make Christmas wreaths and do whatever other fund raising projects the members can dream up," Rogers said. The Club's largest and most recent undertaking was one of its most successful.

"We received a trophy as the independent club securing the most donations in the recent Blood Drive," the sponsor said. Rogers, a jovial computer science instructor, said, "We won the Blood Drive this year and we'll win it next year too."

Since the group was begun, student interest has increased. Rogers said last year about 28 students went on the field trips, but she expects more than that for future outings.

Rogers says she enjoys sponsoring the EDP club but she could not have made it without the help of her fellow instructors. "I receive a lot of help from the rest of the faculty, but the students are the ones that make the club work. I just push them along," she said.

Phase-out students face check changes

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not be paid for the summer, even if they're going to school."

"Second, they will not receive any cost of living increase we usually receive in July. Their benefits will, in effect, be frozen."

"Third, when their checks resume in September, it will be at a reduced rate. They're being phased out over the next four years."

"A provision in the law," he said, "says they'll be resumed at 25 per cent less than what they were, but that doesn't apply across the board. Not every student will see a 25 per cent reduction in his check."

"We'll have to look at every individual record to see how much it will be cut," he explained, "but each year for the next four years, these students will be subject to a reduction in benefits until, in 1985, they will cease."

A non-phase-out student, Kennedy said, who must be under 19 and in high school, will receive aid through summer, unlike phase-out students.

When the law goes into effect, though, if he no longer meets those requirements, his aid will be cut off permanently. In August, Kennedy said, only two

kinds of students will be receiving benefits—students under 18 and phase-out students.

The changes in the law were, Kennedy explained, part of President Reagan's budget cuts. "They projected they would save x-amount of money," he said. "It was considered a cost-saving thing."

"The argument that I read," he explained, "says adequate funding for students is available from other sources, so SS benefits are probably not all that necessary. It has grown over the last 20 years above and beyond what it was originally intended to do. For one reason or another, it was one of Reagan's proposals that Congress passed."

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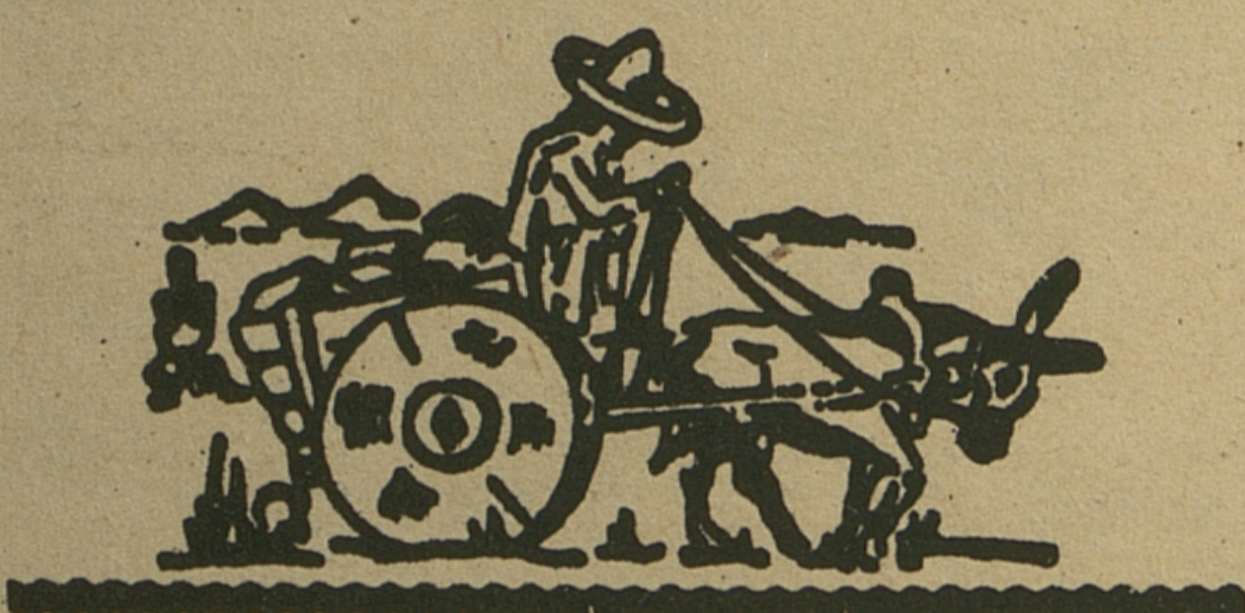


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Students, faculty voice social political opinions

By JIMMY PHILLIPS

The News tabulated the results of the recent 'trend' survey. Thirty responded, 17 females and seven males, plus six who failed to give any personal information. Only one question drew a unanimous response. All who replied oppose priority status for athletes.

A majority approved prayer in schools (73 percent), Reagan's economic plan (63 percent), traditional dating (87 percent), and are for Tyler being wet (53 percent).

Three-fourths say cheating is never OK, slightly more than half said no to curfews and pot smoking and almost half disapprove of premarital sex.

Most respondents also would leave working and abortion up to the woman.

Sixteen respondents are single and six are married. Eighteen are under 30 and seven are over 30. Eighteen students and six faculty members responded.

Almost all women (94 percent) say the decision of women working should be left to the woman. Among men, almost half agreed,

43 percent say "only if needed for income" and 14 percent think "women should get back into the home."

On school prayer and making Tyler wet, faculty are more liberal than students with 67 percent opposed to prayer and 83 percent voting to make Tyler wet.

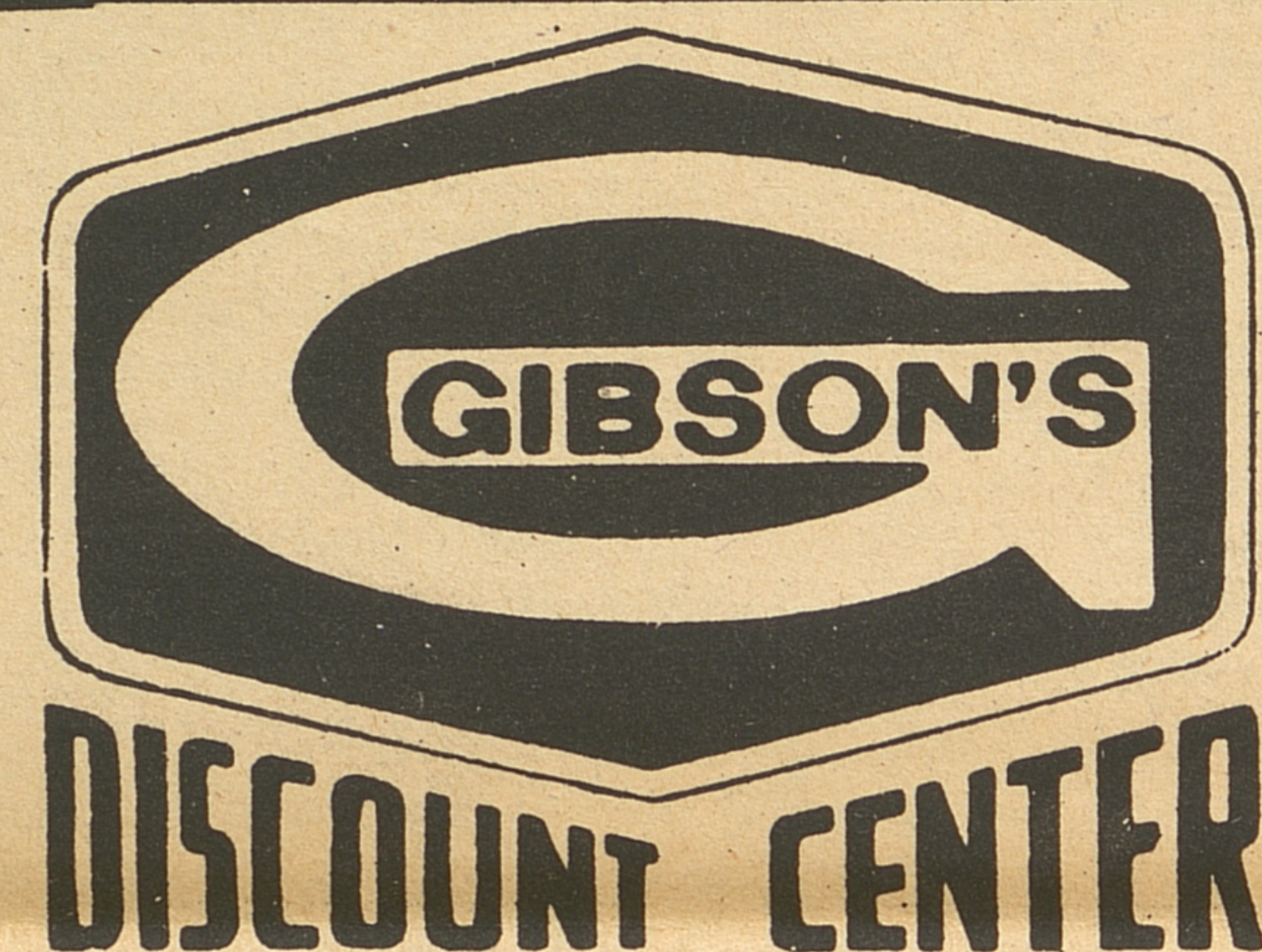
All faculty respondents agreed cheating in school is never OK. Twenty percent of the students said cheating is "OK in certain situations," 75 percent replied "never" and five percent said "fine; whatever you can get."

Each classification preferred traditional dating to non-traditional (women ask men and pay) dating.

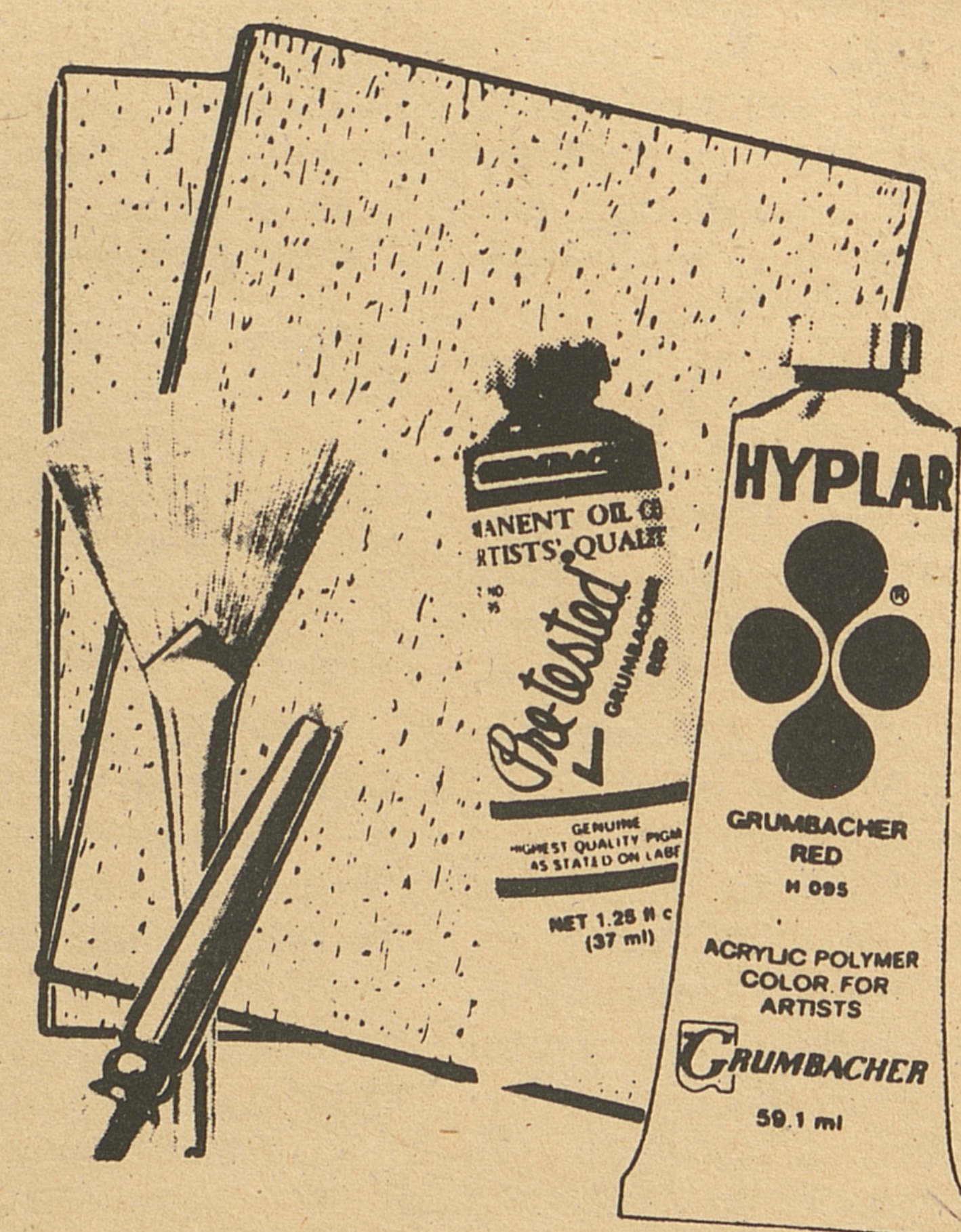
Dorm curfew was approved by 41 percent of females.

Seventy-one percent of marrieds said they do not smoke pot and do not approve. A majority of each group agreed.

Most marrieds and males disapproved of premarital sex. Two-thirds of females said "only when in love", but one-third of the men said it was "OK as stage of dating and for fun."



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